Last Friday three P&C discos were held in the school Hall. It was a lovely mild evening for parents to wait in Playground 1 or the Staffroom. Some parents did go into the disco making the space a bit crowded for the students. The first and second discos were energetic, busy and fun, but the third one was a bit flat due to smaller student numbers. Thank you to parents and staff who helped on the night.

This Friday the school community is invited to the opening of the 150 years Photographic Exhibition in the school Hall at 5:30pm.

Remember, our Birthday Fete is only 2 weeks away – Saturday 29 March. Get involved - it will be lots of fun! See fliers on the following pages and join in the celebration.

This Friday we will highlight International Harmony Day, National Anti Bullying Day and QPS Multicultural Day. Students can wear their cultural dress to school, or wear orange for harmony.

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Cross Country Carnival 2014

The Cross Country Carnival will be held this Thursday for Year 2 - 6 students. Year 2 and Stage 2 will leave school at 9:15am and compete in races before recess. Stage 3 will leave school at 11am and compete in races until lunchtime. All students are reminded that they need to wear a house colours t-shirt, sunscreen and a school hat. They will also need to bring a water bottle. Looking forward to a great day!

Stage 2 Team.

Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow

A Photographic Exhibition telling the history of Queanbeyan Public School.

Friday 21 March – October 2014 >> in the School Hall

You are invited to the opening event at 5.30pm Friday 21 March with Mr John Cope, author of the school history book, ‘If Only These Stones Could Speak’, and the exhibition curator, Mrs Annette Davis.

Original artworks by students from Kindergarten to Year 6 show some of the changes in the physical environment.
With less than 2 weeks to go for the 150th Birthday Fete, we need the school community to get ready for the day. With so many events we need an idea of volunteer numbers for planning purposes. Below are some of the ways you can help now. For more info contact:
Kym Bush on 0438 331 383 or qbnps@pandcaffiliate.org.au

**TOMBOLA**
Please bring in clean jars of all sizes in to the Office or Mrs Rosser, filled with new or re-gifted goodies for kids, adults, eg. Note pads, hair ties, socks, colouring pencils, soaps, hand creams, small toys.

**JAMS & CHUTNEYS**
If you make jams, pickles or chutneys, please bring donations to the Office or Mrs Hadobas.

**PLANTS**
Plants or cuttings may be taken to the Office, Mrs Keough or Mrs Imrie.

**BOOKS**
Good quality second hand book donations may be given to the Office or Mrs Handley.

**LUCKY DIPS**
Please bring in small lucky dip items for boys or girls to the Office or Miss Boughton. Items can be donated wrapped or unwrapped. If wrapped, please indicate whether they are for boys or girls.

**CAKE STALL**
If you are a baker, items to sell (with ingredients listed) may be brought to the Office or Mrs McNamara on Friday 28 March. Please do not bring in items that require refrigeration.

**VOLUNTEERS urgently required** The day can’t happen without volunteers. We are hoping that at least one person from each family might volunteer on the day to ensure everyone has fun. Please complete and return the slip below and hand it into the Office at school. We will place you on the roster and be in touch.

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9am–10am (set up)     10am–11am (stall help)     11am–12noon (stall help)
12noon–1pm (stall help) 1pm–2pm (stall help)     2pm–3pm (pack up)

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**QPS 150th Birthday Fete Raffle**
Raffle books have recently been sent home with all students. Please help by selling the ten tickets and return the money and ticket stubs to class teachers or the Front Office. Tickets cost $2 each, or 3 for $5.

The class that is first to return all ticket stubs and money will receive a prize!
Thank you for your support
Prizes will be drawn at 1pm at the fete on the 29 March, 2014
Pay $10 to receive a ‘Helping Hand!’
Pre order only - Not available on Fete day

Your Helping Hand has 5 items written on the fingers which can be redeemed at the corresponding fete stalls -
1 Sausage Sizzle, 1 Hairspray, 1 Drink, 1 Guessing Game and 1 Balloon. The helping hand is designed to hang around your child’s neck during the fete. Remember to bring it with you on the day.

I would like to Pre order ______ $10 Helping Hand/s
Child’s Name________________________________ Class________

I wish to pay by Cash [ ] Credit Card [ ]

Credit Card Authorisation: Please charge $.................... (total amount)

Card Number: _______ _____ _____ _____ _____
Expiry Date: _____ / _____

Card Holders Name: __________________________ Card Holders Signature: ______________________

Alternatively, a credit card authorization can be given by telephone to the Front Office on 6297 2144

Plant Stall

Ms Christine Keough and Mrs Wendy Imrie are coordinating the plant stall for the Fete. Any donations of pots or cuttings would be gratefully accepted.
I am happy to pot up any cuttings if anyone has something to donate.
We are looking for helpers on the day so if you can help please complete the slip below and return to the school.
We hope everyone comes along on the day and has fun.
Regards
Chris Keough

Plant Stall assistance: Please return slip to Ms Chris Keough, Learning & Support.

Name: ____________________________

___ 10am – 11am
___ 11am-12pm
___ 12 - 1:00pm
___ 1pm – pack-up
1A and 2MR students enjoy Blueearth activities.

**Qcity Transit – Change to school service**

Bus 43 normally departed Karabar High School at 8:33am, travelled via Barracks Flat and Karabar to QPS. Traffic conditions have caused delays to this service, causing the bus to arrive late at QPS. Commencing today, Monday 17 March, Bus 43 will now depart the corner of Cooma and Dane Streets at 8:25am, and will travel via Barracks Flat and Karabah along the same route. The bus number will change to School Bus 03.

**The timetable for School Bus 03 is:**

- Cnr Cooma & Dane Sts: 8:25am
- River Drive Bridge: 8:27am
- Barracks Flat Dr/Alfred Pl: 8:31am
- Candlebark Dr/ Throsby Pl: 8:37am
- Donald Rd before Southbar Rd: 8:39am
- Queanbeyan Public School: 8:45am

The change to this service will ensure that students arrive at school well before bell time. Qcity have placed notices on their website and Facebook, and issued notices to students on the bus last week.

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**Queanbeyan Lions Club**

**Present**

**Walk for Babies**

Join in a 5km walkathon for the whole family at Queanbeyan Park raising funds for the Queanbeyan Hospital Maternity Ward. Sunday 6 April, 2014

Registration starts at 9:30am

- $10 Individuals
- $15 Families

Enquiries: Andrea Daniel 6297 5620

or

nsjdaniel@hotmail.com

Special guest

**Prime Possum**!

- Live Music
- Chocolate Wheel
- Face Painting
- Sausage Sizzle
- Jumping Castle
- Drinks and Ice creams for sale

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**SaCC**

**Reading Tree** will be held 10:30am Thurs 20 March at Town Park playground (weather permitting). Come along to listen to stories for young children. Bring a picnic rug and a snack. Look for the coloured pillows under the tree.

**Music and Movement** class for 0-5 year olds at 2pm on Wednesday afternoons. Just $2, come and spend 45mins singing, dancing and learning to appreciate music with your child.

**Basic English** classes are held at SaCC, on Fridays 9:30 - 10:30am. Young children are welcome. The lessons are free.

Please phone Brooke 6297 2167 for more information on the above.

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**ISA NEWSLETTER ITEMS**

Items for Monday’s Isa News are to be submitted no later than 1:00pm the Friday preceding publication. Leave articles at the Office or Email: queanbeyan-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
We acknowledge the Ngunnawal people as the first custodians of this land.

Term 1

March 2014

We welcome everyone to school for 2014 and we extend an especially warm welcome to new families joining our school community. We continue to be committed to improving learning outcomes for children and building strong supportive partnerships with families. This year has started successfully with the children settling well into their classes, forming new friendships and becoming involved in new activities.

The school swimming carnival was held very early this term and was well supported by students and families. Congratulations to Tamia Fensom for her strong participation at school and district carnivals. Tamia is one of eleven students from QPS who will represent the Queanbeyan District at the Illawarra Southeast Area carnival.

We held an Assembly on Thursday 13 February to acknowledge the 6th Anniversary of the Apology to the Stolen Generations. Year 6 students, Felicity, Abbey and Jacqui, offered a welcome to country and the school captains and prefects read words from the Apology Speech to emphasise our determination to move forward with confidence to make a better future: ‘A future based on mutual respect, mutual resolve and mutual responsibility.’

The school was invited to participate in ‘Carnivale’, Queanbeyan’s Multicultural Spectacular, on Sunday 23 February in Queanbeyan Park. This celebration was an opportunity for the Aboriginal students’ dance group to perform for the wider community, showcasing their talents. Thank you to Amy Minchin for continuing to mentor the students.
Students continue to have opportunities to participate in activities that help them develop and demonstrate leadership skills. This term students have been nominating and voting for positions on the Student Representative Council (SRC). The SRC provides a forum for all students to share ideas, listen to others and participate in decision making. Congratulations to Brydie Williams, Year 3, and Flynn Barnett, Year 5, who have been elected to represent Aboriginal students. Students in Year 6 are able to nominate for the position of Sports House Captain. Tyron Williams was elected by his peers to the role of captain for Hume House. Well done, Tyron. The 2014 student leaders were inducted into their roles and presented to students and their parents at a whole school assembly.

At the end of last year the teachers attended a ‘No Gap: No Excuse’ program workshop presented by Mrs Whitehead, Mrs Imrie and Mrs Hawes. This workshop, called ‘Our kids, Our Classrooms, Our Community’, focussed on the importance of matching teaching strategies to individual student needs and considering aspects of the cultural, physical and social environment. It also stressed the importance of critical reflection and the need to build close partnerships with families and communities. With this learning in mind, teachers have begun inviting families to participate in developing a Personal Learning Plan (PLP) for their children. These plans are an opportunity to work together to identify goals in learning and social and emotional areas and to develop strategies to achieve these goals to support children and guide them towards a successful year.

This year we welcome Miss Alanna Raymond to the staff. Alanna is teaching a Year 1 class. She completed her studies last year at the University of Technology in Sydney. Alanna grew up on the Northern Beaches of Sydney, and has been passionate about teaching for many years. She is proud of her Aboriginal heritage. Her father was born in Darwin and his cultural dreaming is the Tiwi Islands, just north of Darwin. She is enthusiastic about the year ahead and is looking forward to working closely with her students, their families and members of the wider school community.

This term, Ms Rosemaree Whitehead represented the Queanbeyan AECG at the Illawarra South East Area AECG meeting. She joined representatives from other schools to extend her knowledge of the 8-Ways of Aboriginal Learning. This framework allows teachers to include Aboriginal perspectives by using Aboriginal learning techniques authentically and productively with students to enhance the learning for all students. She participated in discussions about future directions and contributed to planning future activities. Rosemaree also attended the State AECG Conference where programs from around New South Wales were showcased and the achievements of teachers and students were recognised with the presentation of Aboriginal Education Awards. These opportunities have enabled Rosemaree to continue her learning which will enrich the wider school community as she shares new ideas and strategies to support our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

Tamia Newton, 5/6J class, has really enjoyed the year so far. She has found the work to be challenging, particularly the homework projects. She is learning about Energy and has had to make a waterwheel and a solar powered stove to show how different types of energy work. Tamia has got to know many more students and has made lots of new friends. She is excited about the challenges ahead. Tamia, on the right, is photographed with her friend, Claire.

Thank you everyone for the great support you have shown to your children, the teachers and the school. ‘Together we are, together we can, together we will’.